

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

November 12, 2003

Applicants: Yoshihiko GOTOH et al

For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING QUARTZ GLASS INGOT

AND A MANUFACTURING APPARATUS

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STATUS REQUEST

Sir:

A Response to Restriction Requirement in above application was filed on May 12, 2003. To date, the undersigned attorney of record has not received an Office Action. Please advise the undersigned attorney of record of the status concerning the above-referenced application as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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